

The Council re-assembled at the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at 11 a.m. on Monday the 27th day of March 1922, the hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR Avargal, K.O.S.I., C.I.E., President, presiding.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[Order made by the President of the Madras Legislative Council under Standing Order No. 15—

(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table an hour before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions shall be put and answered in the following manner :—

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in alphabetical order, specify the serial numbers of his questions, and make a sufficient pause to allow him or any other member a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

Sub-overseers in the Public Works Department.

1390 Q.—Rao Bahadur T. BALAJI RAO NAYUDU: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Public Works be pleased to state—

(1) how many sub-overseers are going to have their services dispensed with in the Public Works Department and how many were given notice in the Second Circle;

(2) whether the reduction is intended for effecting retrenchment or to serve any other purpose;

(3) in either case what is the necessity for appointing additional overseers to fill their places, seeing that the replacement of two sub-overseers by one overseer results in an extra expenditure of $17\frac{1}{2}$ per cent;

(4) what is the increase of establishment sanctioned to the Public Works Department during the past five years in numbers and extra cost incurred;

(5) what is the total amount of expenditure incurred by raising the salaries of provincial gazetted and subordinate officers of the Public Works Department; and

(6) what is the amount given to them in lump sums by giving retrospective effect to the revision of salaries?

A.—(1) The services of 51 sub-overseers are proposed to be dispensed with in the Public Works Department.

In the Second Circle, the Superintending Engineer has served notices of discharge on 58 permanent sub-overseers. Only about 21 permanent posts are to be abolished and the matter is under separate inquiry.

(2) & (3) The reduction is intended only for effecting retrenchment of expenditure. Two of the sections in the Kistna Eastern division now held by sub-overseers are to be placed in charge of upper subordinates from 1st April 1922 as their jurisdictions are to be enlarged by reducing the total number of sections.

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(4)

Engineer Establishment.

Year.	Increase in number.	Extra cost.
1916-17	Nil. 18 (from 165 to 183)	Nil. The increase is the result of the introduction of the new Madras
1917-18		
1918-19		
1919-20		
1920-21		

Engineering Service (in place of the Sub-Engineer establishment) to provide for the bulk of the permanent subdivisional officers. The extra cost on account of the increased number of appointments and on account of the introduction of the new service is given in the answer to (5) below.

Specialist Establishment (Architects and Electrical Engineers).

Year.	Increase in number.	Extra cost per annum.
1916-17	Nil.	Rs. Nil.
1917-18	Nil.	Nil.
1918-19	1 (Architect) from 2 to 3	4,800
1919-20	Nil.	Nil.
1920-21	1 (Architect) from 3 to 4 1 (Electrical Engineer) from 2 to 3	17,400

NOTE.—The number of Architects has since been reduced by 1, i.e., from 4 to 3.

Permanent Upper Subordinate Establishment.

No increase in the past five years. On the other hand there has been a decrease in number consequent on the formation of the new Madras Engineering Service.

Temporary Upper Subordinate Establishment.

Year.	Increase in number.	Extra cost per annum.
1916-17	No increase but decrease by 41 (from 173 to 132).	Rs. Nil.
1917-18	21 (from 132 to 153) ..	15,120
1918-19	1 (from 153 to 154) ..	720
1919-20	46 (from 154 to 200) ..	33,120
1920-21	12 (from 200 to 212) ..	8,640

NOTE.—The number for 1922-23 is to be reduced to 167.

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Lower Subordinate, Clerical and Menial Establishments.

The information is not readily available.

- (5) The extra expenditure per annum on account of the promotion of sub-engineers and supervisors to the new Madras Engineering Service is about Rs. 3,05,000. But the *ultimate extra cost* on account of the introduction of the Madras Engineering Service will be reduced to about Rs. 1 *lakh per annum* by a reduction of numbers in the Indian Service of Engineers. Information in regard to the clerical and menial establishments is not readily available. The revision of pay of lower subordinates has not yet been given effect to.
- (6) The amount given in lump sums to the men appointed to the Madras Engineering Service by giving retrospective effect to their promotions is about Rs. 4,40,000. Retrospective effect was not given to the revision of the scales of pay of clerical and menial establishments.

Village service establishment.

1391 Q.—Rao Sahib S. ELLAPPA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) what is the income from the enfranchisement of village service inams in the proprietary estates of the Presidency ; and

(b) how much do the Government contribute as their share towards the pay of the village service establishments of the proprietary estates ?

A.—The Member is referred to the Civil Budget Estimate for 1922–23 which contains the information.

Travelling allowance of vaccinators.

1392 Q.—MR. A. P. I. SAIYID IBRAHIM RAVUTTAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state if it is a fact that the Government have increased the travelling allowance of the vaccinators ?

A.—The answer is in the negative.

G.O. No. 1630, P.H., dated 2nd December 1921, containing the most recent orders on the subject of the travelling allowance of vaccinators under local boards is laid on the table.*

No travelling allowance is ordinarily payable to municipal vaccinators.

Record-of-rights and settlement of rent in Kallikota and Atagada estates.

1393 Q.—SRIMAN SASI BHUSHANA RATH Mahasayo : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Kallikota-Atagada estates in the Ganjam district were surveyed in 1912 with the promise that the record-of-rights and settlement of rents would be effected on the conclusion of the survey ;